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For. **A STAND FOR PIVOTABLE MOUNTING AN OPTICAL READING DEVICE (AS AMENDED)**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND  
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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Sir:

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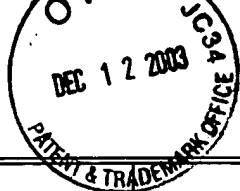
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